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News Highlights, May 24-31

New Zealand Herald

U.S. Folk Musician Doc Watson Dies at 89

Doc Watson, the Grammy-award winning folk musician whose lightning-fast style of flatpicking influenced guitarists around the world for more than a half-century, has died at a hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, according to a hospital spokeswoman and his management company. He was 89. Read more [here](#). See a video from WRAL [here](#). Read "Doc Watson's Gift," from the North Carolina Arts Council [here](#).

Wilmington Star News

Wilmington's most threatened historic places named

A blue, deteriorating building at 226 S. Front St. is in danger of being demolished. The house, considered a "late 19th Century face-lift," is for sale, but the Historic Wilmington Foundation is trying to keep it from being demolished. This property, along with five others, is part of the 2012 Most Threatened Historic Places list. The list, released annually for seven years, is an effort to generate more discussion about the value of heritage preservation. Jeffrey Crow, deputy secretary of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History and the state historic preservation officer, made the announcement on Tuesday at the dilapidated house. Read more [here](#).

The Raleigh Telegram

Steam Locomotive to Return To NC Railroad Tracks For First Time In 18 Years

For the first time since 1994, railroad passengers can ride behind a real coal-fired steam locomotive on mainline tracks in North Carolina when the N.C. Transportation Museum hosts passenger train excursions on Saturday, June 16th and Sunday, June 17th, as well as a one-way bonus trip on June 23rd. The event is part of the 21st Century Steam program and the State of North Carolina says the trips are being offered in cooperation with Norfolk Southern railways and the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. Read more [here](#).

WECT

Memorial Day aboard USS North Carolina

Some say it's the biggest Memorial Day service in the state. Monday, the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship celebrated its 47th Annual Memorial Day service. And while more people continued to fill the deck, the impact of the Battleship service was not lost on anyone. Several attendees said that services like this one are not about mourning those who serve our country, but praising them. Barbara Ziembra attended the service with her husband and father-in-law. Both men are veterans. Read more [here](#). Read an article from the Star-News about the day [here](#).

The Daily Advance

Thom Spagnol: Museum not looking bad for 45

We here at the Museum of the Albemarle are celebrating a significant birthday this week. The Museum turns 45 on Tuesday May 29 — 45 years young. If you are a newcomer to the area, you might have thought that we were a lot younger-amazing what a new facility will do for you. You could say we had a lot of work done, but underneath the glamorous exterior, we're still old. Read more [here](#).

WFDD-FM

Triad Arts Up Close: Imagination Design Marathon

We've all heard about dance-a-thons, and walk-a-thons, but in the City of Arts and Innovation it's all about imagining something different for our community. The Imagination Design Marathon coming up June 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art will do just that. It's a day of collaborative, hands-on design to imagine a public art installation that will one day capture and share the community's collective dreams. Listen to the program [here](#).

WNCT

Tryon Palace hosting annual N.C. Symphony Concert

The North Carolina Symphony is returning to Eastern Carolina for its annual free concert at Tryon Palace. The group will perform at Tryon Palace Saturday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. on the South Lawn of Tryon Palace. Gates open at 5 p.m. for pre-show picnicking. The concert is free to the public. Read more [here](#).

Jacksonville Daily News

Open-air trolley operating in Beaufort

A new form of transportation in downtown Beaufort will serve as both an attraction and a fun way to get around town. A 28-passenger open-air trolley, named the Mullet Line, began operation Friday, just in time for the Memorial Day weekend crowd. Read more [here](#).

National Parks Traveler

Discriminating Explorer: Memorial Day Meander

It's difficult to experience the past unless you preserve it—and National Historic Trails do that. Sadly, not every one of those paths conveys the past as vividly as seeing ruts left in rock by covered wagons navigating the Oregon Trail. Case in point—the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail (OVNHT)—Eastern America's first National Historic Trail. Read more [here](#).

Salisbury Post

Twenty locomotives to appear in their original colors at Transportation Museum

Twenty locomotives painted in the original color schemes of railroad companies dating back to the early 1800s will appear at the N.C. Transportation Museum over the Fourth of July. Read more [here](#).